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To the BRTF...

I am a former member of the CCRSG that worked on proposals for a network of MPAs for the Central Coast. As most BRTF members must know this was an extensive and long collaborative effort of a large number of people from every segment of citizens who have an intense interest in the MLPA program.

To suddenly see a whole new proposal (Proposal S) put together by staff outside of this long public process is, to my mind at least, an outrageous and flagrant violation of the trust that we as citizens placed in the process that we thought was meant as a sincere effort to involve the public in the decision making process. Why would you have such a process if at the last minute DFG staff, *who clearly have their own agendas*, are able to put on the table for equal consideration a proposal of their own? This proposal has in no way been subjected to the level of public scrutiny, compromises and refinements to which each of the other proposals have been subjected. Each of the other proposals were subjected to votes as well, that we were told would be communicated to the BRTF. Moreover this Proposal S clearly ignores results in other proposals that better express the ideas and concerns of numerous citizens, irrespective of what the staff may think. I am a resident of the Monterey Peninsula and Proposal S specifically ignores the input of a large number of people. Both Proposals 2 and 3 generally agree on how best to address the needs of this area, while Proposal S mostly ignores the solutions of both proposals. To allow staff to submit their own proposal outside of the context of the other proposals makes a complete joke out of the CCRSG effort and a mockery of the notion that anyone really cares what the real stakeholders actually think about any of this.

I strongly believe Proposal S should be immediately removed from consideration.

Sincerely,
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